GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
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REDUCTION OF GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSION
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the UN has recommended that India should undertake hard targets to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions to mitigate the impacts of climate changes globally as reported in the Times of India dated October 30, 2007;

(b) if so, the details thereof and reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) whether the United Nations Development Programme's report in this regard have been examined by the Government;

(d) if so, the details of the findings thereof;

(e) whether the UN Conference on Climate Change will be held in December, 2007; and

(f) if so, the details of the strategy made by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a) to (d) The Human Development Report 2007 of United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) has not been released till date.

(e) & (f): The 13th Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) is scheduled to be held from 3rd to 14th December 2007 at Bali, Indonesia. The Indian position on the Climate Change issue is that our GHG emissions are among the lowest in per capita terms and account for only 4% of the world's emissions. Nonetheless, India attaches great importance to issue of climate change. India is a Party to the UNFCCC and is engaged constructively and productively with the international community to preserve and protect the environment. India is determined that India's per-capita GHG emissions would not exceed those of developed countries even while pursuing policies of development and economic growth.